

REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0121790 (Wolff et al.).

By the present response, Applicant has canceled claims 4-6 without disclaimer and amended the specification and claims 1-3 to further clarify the invention. Claims 1-3 remain pending in the present application.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicant has amended the specification to further clarify the invention and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and submits that these claims are fully supported in Applicant's specification and drawings.

Applicant has amended the claims to further clarify that the recorded conference call is copied to a mailbox of the mobile telephone device users that did not participate in the conference call, and that a SMS notification of a voice mail message is composed and sent to the mobile telephone devices that did not participate in the conference call. Applicant's specification in paragraph [0003] states that "a conference call is initiated on the mobile telephone network among a specified group of mobile telephone device users" and in paragraph [0015] that the "recorded voice file is then transferred . . . and copied into the mailboxes of every available user. When the user again becomes available, she will receive an SMS notification 260 of a new voice mail message" Further, it would be clearly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art that the user becoming available relates to the mobile telephone device of the user being available. As disclosed in Applicant's specification in paragraph [0001], some members may not be aware of a PTT conference call due to the user (i.e., the mobile

telephone device of the user) being out-of-service range, turned off, already on a call, or presence info marked as "unavailable".

Accordingly, Applicant submits that these claims are fully supported in Applicant's specification and drawings. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wolff et al. Applicant has discussed the deficiencies of Wolff et al. in Applicant's previously-filed response and reasserts all arguments submitted in that response. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and provides the following additional remarks.

Regarding claims 1-3, Applicant submits that Wolff et al. does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of each of these claims of, *inter alia*, transferring the recorded conference call to a voicemail server and copying the recorded conference call to a mailbox of the mobile telephone device users that did not participate in the conference call. The Examiner asserts that Wolff et al. discloses these limitations in paragraphs 28-30 and 72. However, as noted previously, Wolff merely discloses using an audio information recorder system (AIRS) to monitor and record communications between communication devices (see, paragraph 27). This is not transferring the recorded conference call to a voice mail server, as recited in the claims of the present application. AIRS is merely an audio information recorder system (see, par. 190) and may even be incorporated as part of one of the communication devices (see, par. 20). The AIRS disclosed in Wolff et al. is not a voicemail server, as recited in the claims of the present application.

Moreover, Wolff et al. does not disclose or suggest copying the recorded conference call to a mailbox of the mobile telephone device users that did not participate in the conference call. The Examiner asserts that Wolff et al. discloses these limitations in paragraphs 34 and 72. However, Wolff et al. merely discloses that AIRS archives audio information corresponding to conversations (see, par. 27) and that users may retrieve the archived audio information, where users may be members of one or more groups, other users who may not be members of any group, and others

(see, par. 28). Wolff et al. discloses merely storing the audio information for general access by anyone. Wolff does not disclose or suggest a mailbox of mobile telephone device users, or copying the recorded conference call to a mailbox of the mobile telephone device users.

In addition, Applicant submits that Wolff does not disclose or suggest composing and sending a SMS notification of a voicemail message to the mobile telephone devices that did not participate in the conference call, the mobile telephone devices being able to listen to the recorded conference call in their associated mailbox at any time. The Examiner asserts that Wolff et al. discloses composing and sending a conference call notification message to the mobile phone telephone devices, in paragraphs 72-73. However, Wolff et al. merely discloses that AIRS executes "an interactive voice response (IVR) application that prompts the user" and that "a voice prompt . . . may be communicated to the particular communication device." This is not composing and sending a SMS notification of a voicemail message to the mobile telephone devices that did not participate in the conference call, as recited in the claims of the present application. In fact, Wolff et al. teaches away from the limitations in the claims of the present application in that Wolff et al. discloses an audio voice prompt, in contrast to an SMS (i.e., text) notification. Further, these portions merely disclose that a user may be prompted allowing the user to retrieve one or more missed conversations.

Moreover, the missed conversations are played back only when there are no other live communications occurring between members of the group. This is not composing and sending a SMS notification of a voicemail message to the mobile telephone devices that did not participate in the conference call, as recited in the claims of the present application. Wolff et al. merely discloses allowing a user to retrieve missed messages by submitting a request. Further, Wolff et al. does not disclose or suggest the mobile telephone devices being able to listen to the recorded conference call in their associated mailbox at any time. Wolff teaches away from these limitations in that Wolff fails to disclose recorded conference calls in associated mailboxes of a mobile telephone device users, and further discloses that conversations are played back only when there are no other live communications occurring between members of the group.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Wolff et al. does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of each of claims 1-3 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

Conclusion

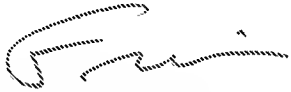
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-3 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions about the present amendment or anticipates finally rejecting any claim of the present application, a telephone interview is requested.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4365.

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